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For: A PROCESS TO OBTAIN TITANIUM CONCENTRATES WITH HIGH  
CONTENTS OF  $\text{TiO}_2$  AND LOW CONTENTS OF RADIONUCLIDE  
ELEMENTS FROM ANATASE MECHANICAL CONCENTRATES

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-  
identified application as follows: